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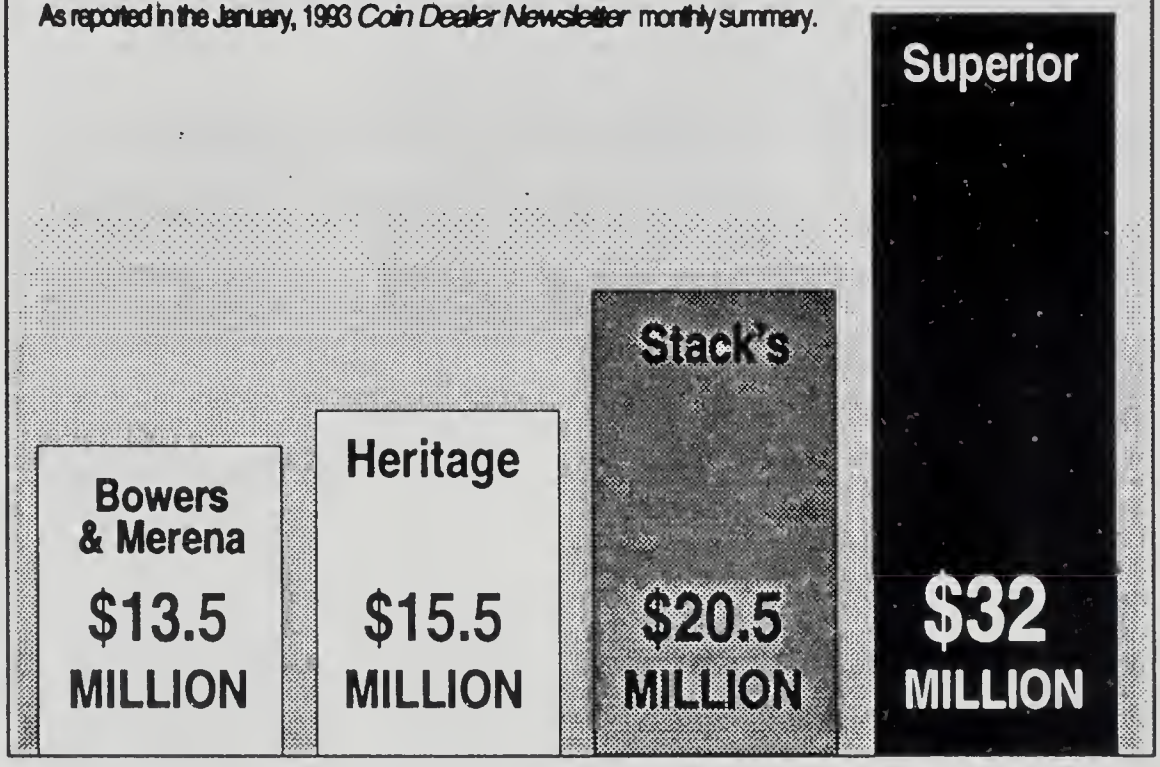

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"ME...A WRITER?"

With each issue I face a challenge to present as much interesting and useful information as I can in a limited space.

Despite the tight constraints, I want to encourage you incipient authors to try your hand at a short numismatic article (or two!). Although there is no shortage of material available to fill these pages, my goal is to include items which interest and inform YOU. In addition, a steady supply of fresh material is any editor's (or coin dealer's) dream! I cannot promise to include your work here--but if you send me something, I will seriously consider it.

I realize that most people reading this are not going to dash off to the Post Office with a submission in hand. That's O.K. I will give you non-writers an easier assignment: send me a letter (or quick note) with whatever is on your mind regarding numismatics, CSNA, or Calcoin News.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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As this is being written, I am recently in receipt of the United States Mint's annual catalog directed at holiday shoppers. As per usual, my interest remains quite limited. By this time of the year I've already ordered and received my traditional purchases: a mint set, a proof set (not the silver edition; I like my coins to reflect reality, thank you) and finally, the proof silver eagle. Of the remaining items to be found in this catalog, only the first-time offering of customized coin folders for the Lincoln Memorial Cent spurs me to open my check book. As a collector of old or unusual coin albums, I can't resist acquiring this item which has the U. S. Mint's seal emblazoned on it. I'll overlook the fact that a similar product bearing the familiar Whitman logo may be had locally at a somewhat lower price.

Conspicuously missing from my shopping list are the various commemorative coins which seem to come in flurries with each passing year. Over the past decade we've seen some very peculiar offerings whose commemorative messages are not always clear. The 1993 offerings are particularly irksome in this respect, as they present two important events in a manner which largely strips them of their significance. I'm speaking of the coins which purport to honor James Madison and the Bill of Rights and the coins marking the fiftieth anniversary of America's participation in World War II. In the case of the former, the bicentennial of the Bill of Rights preceded the appearance of these 1993-dated coins by two years, while the date which appears on the coins likewise has no obvious connection to James Madison. However worthy the goals of the James Madison Foundation may be, such misuse of our coinage reflects poorly on both the Foundation which requested their coining and Congress which approved it. Of the WWII coins, the most obvious flaw with this issue is that the dates which appear on them represent neither their date of coining nor the dates of the events being commemorated. To one who has not read the accompanying literature, it might easily be inferred that the war was fought from 1991 to 1995. This will seem even more likely to a person studying these coins generations hence, when collective knowledge of the great conflict is that much dimmer. Only the silver dollar, with its reference to D-Day, June 6, 1944, gives the viewer a clue as to the correct time frame of World War II.

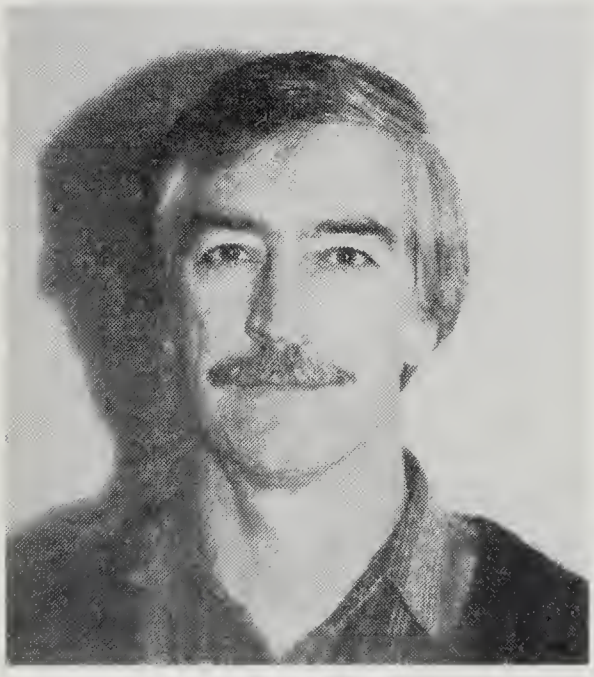
Were these two issues remarkable works of art, I might swallow my pride and acquire them for that reason alone. Alas, they are typical of the commercial art which has dominated our commemorative coin program in recent years, offering images which are more suited to rendering in two dimensions rather than the three which typify coinage. While I may acquire the clad half dollars simply to fill the unmarked holes at the end of my commemorative coin album, I'll wait to purchase these at some coin club auction for less than their issue price. The inevitability of this scenario is at the heart of our commemorative coin problem, as it points to the fact that many of we collectors continue to purchase multiple examples of each product coined by the Mint in anticipation of profits which are seldom realized. Indeed, the only profiteers for all but a very few of the Mint's offerings are the sponsoring organizations and the United States Treasury, both of which derive a substantial profit through the high seignorage and surcharges for each commemorative. The gullible collector is left with one or more items which are about as welcome in the aftermarket as the various pseudo-coins produced by mysterious Pacific island nations of uncertain locale.

Attempts to bring some sense to the process by which commemorative coins are authorized and their designs approved have resulted only in frustration for numismatists. The eagerly anticipated Citizens Advisory Committee will likely suffer the same fate as that endured in recent decades by the Commission of Fine Arts --- that of having its educated and experienced opinions dismissed by a Congress more attuned to political sensibilities than aesthetic ones. While the Commission once played an important role in selecting such memorable designs as those for the new silver coinage of 1916, its current role as perceived by Congress and the Mint is to rubber-stamp the amateurish efforts of graphic designers and community college art students who submit coin sketches while having no real understanding of the sculptural process used in modeling coins. The result is too often a poorly conceived assortment of random elements crowded into a space far too restrictive for meaningful instruction. When combined with an imprecise message such as that presented by 1993's commemorative coins, the finished product is distinctly unmemorable and the resulting demand limited to the Mint's dedicated mailing list of suckers.

Since little has been achieved through the writing of letters or the appointing of commissions, the only effective means of expressing our discontent with the current commemorative coin process is by withholding our money. If you don't like the latest cartoons approved by Congress, don't buy them. Or, if you must have one, don't buy those multiples that have become an act of mindless repetition. Remember, nearly all of these coins will soon be available in the aftermarket at discount prices. The few that do retain or even increase their value will be easily compensated by the many that don't.

Of course, this may result in the complete suspension of commemorative coinage, as it did in 1954, but even this is preferable to the present condition. Many collectors will mourn the apparent passing of commemoratives from the current scene, but their demise will be only temporary, if history is any judge. After all, as a legal means of raising easy money they are second only to the state lotteries in effectiveness. With luck, Congress may yet be able to comprehend that the patient is sick and in need of treatment rather than being dead and in need of burial.

Who's Who in Cal-State Numismatics



Jeff Shevlin
CSNA R-5398

Jeff Shevlin collects coins with a passion and he is also involved in a good number of coin clubs. He is currently president of the Sacramento Valley Coin Club (SVCC), where he has also served as their bourse chairman, educational chairman, and exhibit chairman.

As education chairman for the SVCC, Jeff has organized over fifty monthly educational presentations by guest speakers and has given numerous presentations on topics such as numismatic literature, fractional currency, patriotic Civil War tokens, sutler tokens, and Morgan dollar varieties.

Jeff enjoys exhibiting his coins and develops two new exhibits each years, which he displays at the SVCC's annual Spring and Fall shows. His coin exhibits have been on display at most local coin shows on the west coast, as well as at regional and national coins shows.

Jeff also belongs to the American Numismatic Association, the California State Numismatic Association, the Northern California Numismatic Association, and several other specialty clubs. He is currently serving as Publisher of *Calcoin News* and has recently been appointed secretary of the Civil War Token Society (CWTS). "The CSNA and the CWTS are both large clubs and require a lot of my time, but as much as I enjoy collecting coins, I enjoy working with other coin collectors. It is a real pleasure for me to meet someone for the first time after talking to them over the phone and corresponding with them for years."

Besides being an avid water and snow skier, Jeff swims at least three times a week. He has been ranked nationally as a swimmer and continues to compete as a Masters swimmer.

"My collecting specialty is Morgan dollars--toned, die varieties, errors, and stick on dollars. I also collect Civil War tokens, so-called dollars, U.S. silver coins, and coin books. My dad started my interest in coins in the early 60's when I was a young boy. I remember going through piles of Lincoln cents on our coffee table and filling in the holes in my coin book folder. I still have that original Lincoln cent book dated 1961; the last mintage figures are for the year 1959. I also collect western art from turn of the century artists to current day artists."

"I've made a lot of friends through my coin collecting interests, and that's the best part of numismatics for me."

Through the Numismatic Glass

Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald
Staff Writer
CSNA R-2074

A NUMISMATIC WEEK IN LONDON

On Friday, October 8th this reporter met William Spengler in Denver and proceeded across the Atlantic Ocean to London, the start of a frantic and exciting numismatic week.

Saturday morning, with very little sleep (on the aircraft), we began our junket to a small coin and stamp bourse at the Embankment Station, a new spot for this weekly show that was formally "Under the Arches." The ratio between stamp and coin dealers was about 2 to 1 in favor of the stamp folks. The action was good and a variety of ancient and foreign (including U.S.) coins were available with a heavy emphasis, of course, on English coins. All items were moderately priced with an absence of gold or very rare, expensive coins.

Shortly past noon we were on the "Underground" again; this time headed for Portobello St. and the famous "Portobello Market." In addition to the numerous antique, silver, and other artisans selling their goods, there are two coin booths along this avenue. Again the merchandise covered less expensive coins and featured the ever popular "junk" boxes. This writer was tempted to purchase an Edison Cylinder record player that the merchant claimed to be in excellent working condition.

Sunday, October 10th found us at the I.B.N.S. London Paper Money Fair located at the Bonnington Hotel. Two rooms full of dealers from the United States, Hong Kong, Singapore, Egypt, Europe and Great Britain offered a wide assortment of currency. Only a few U.S. notes were seen, and these were relatively common. One had to search for any fractional currency, obsolete notes, etc. The affair seemed to be quite well attended and a number of notes were found to add to this writer's collection. The paper money fair takes place five times during the year; the next scheduled for November 21st. London is also well-known for their book and antiquarian fairs at this time of the year and following our visit to the Paper Money event, we traveled to the Russell Hotel and the book sale. Popular with these sales are historical prints; but most of all, historical maps. For example, the well-known English currency dealer Yasha Beresiner does a brisk business selling historical maps. The books are not numismatic although this writer purchased at a bargain price a beautiful book of Italian medals by Cornelius Von Fabriczy and published in 1904.

On Monday, we attended the first of several auctions, visiting Glendining's sale at their London place of business. The remainder of the day saw our return to the book fairs. Tuesday offered the Great Western Coin Fair at the Great Western Hotel. Larger than the Saturday sale mentioned above and with a different set (generally) of dealers, we saw numerous ancient and foreign coins with many English coins available to collectors. Admission to this one-day event was 50 pence (75 cents).

On Wednesday, October 13th we attended the Spink & Son Auction now held next door at their new owner's headquarters, world-famous Christies. One could only be impressed with the magnificent furniture, rugs and other works of art awaiting a

future Christies' sale. Following the morning sale, we walked to A.H. Baldwin & Sons to look at some of their coins.

Thursday was reserved for The British Museum where we were able to be admitted to the Student's Room and examine coins from their vast collections. This is the second time the writer of this column has examined the Papal coins and the second time the joyful task was left unfinished, reaching only to the 19th century. Well, that certainly gives one the excuse to return, doesn't it? We later traveled to the new headquarters of CNG (Classical Numismatic Group) who bought out Seaby Coins and had a nice visit with Victor England.

A familiar London sight--Buckingham Palace

Friday was the main event! COINEX '93! The three day show is held at the London Marriott Hotel, Grosvenor Square in London. This annual show (the '93 was the 15th) is sponsored by the British Numismatic Trade Association. It is interesting to note that the official program announced: "Although the UK market is improving, some other parts of western Europe are clearly still in recession and as a result we have not received quite as many requests for Coinex tables from colleagues in the EC (European Community) as we had hoped." Sounds familiar doesn't it? Now we saw the more expensive pieces including gold coins but with an emphasis on ancient and English coins (of course). Thus our numismatic week came to a close.

Here are some closing thoughts. We saw no exhibits at any show during the entire week. There were no educational forums or meetings. These are reserved for the many societies that meet on a regular basis in London and are well known for their scholarly gatherings. I am afraid we would complain if our shows copied the London events. There were no chairs for the buyers to sit and examine coins; the aisles were close together and crowded and would never satisfy our fire departments. The lighting was generally poor, in this writer's opinion. There were numerous "junk boxes" with very few bargains. For example, this reporter saw numerous late dated U.S. Indian cents at about $1.55 each in these boxes. You had to stand in line (on Friday) to be admitted to COINEX, with admission at 3 pounds ($4.50). There was smoking everywhere and bags, purses etc. were inspected by Security upon exiting. Food, if purchased at the show, was quite expensive.

Was it a worthwhile trip? You bet! Would you do it again? Absolutely! In the style of our host city, London, I would describe the "Numismatic Week" as "LOVELY."

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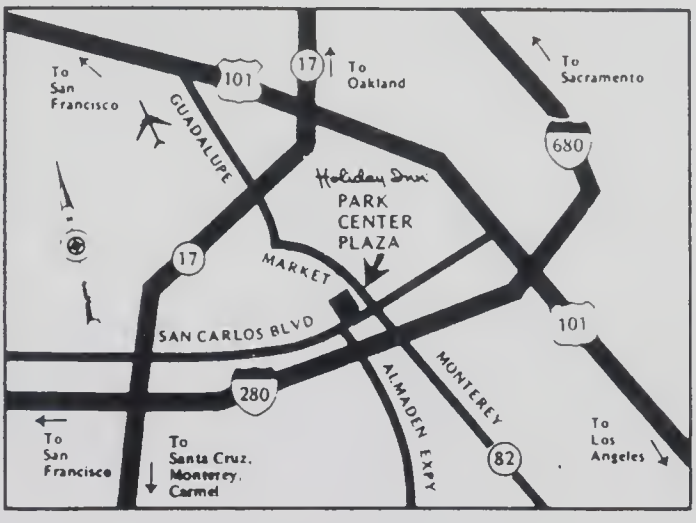

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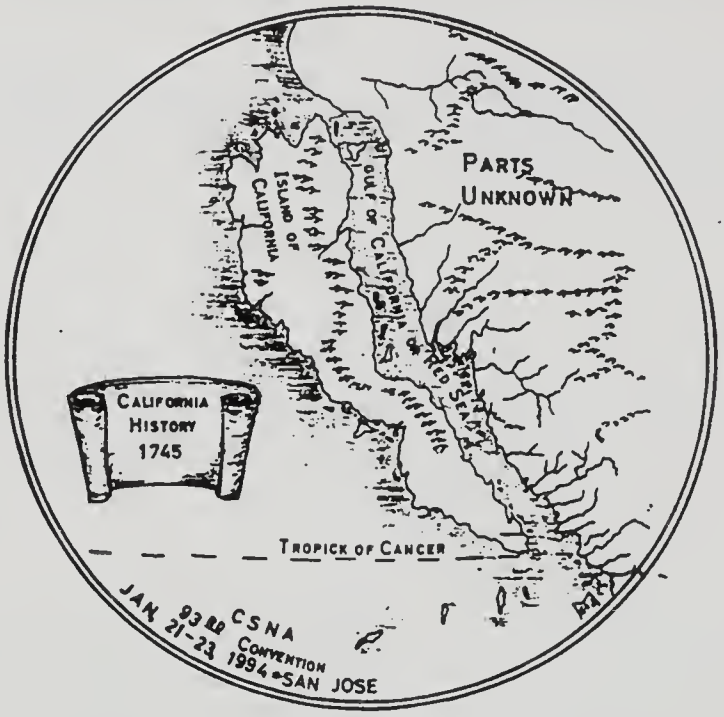

So little was known about California that it was mapped as an island as late as the mid-19th century. Explorers had traveled part of the way up the western and eastern coasts of Baja (Lower) California and had assumed that the Gulf of California was a strait. Even after the island myth was disproved by explorations of several padres in the early 1700's, the Spanish government still mapped California as an island for several decades. The map used as the source for this medal design was published in England in 1745, only 24 years before Fr. Junipero Serra founded the first mission--San Diego de Alcala.

England's interest and claim dated from the visit of Sir Francis Drake to an area north of present-day San Francisco in the year 1579. Impressed by the land, he claimed it for Queen Elizabeth I and named it New England (Nova Albion). After his return to the British Isles, a colonizing party was dispatched to settle California; but the fleet was betrayed and dispersed by the Spanish off the coast of Brazil, and no further attempts were made by the English to take over the land.

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1946 IOWA STATEHOOD CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLAR

Part 16
The Lawrence Brothers: Twin Coin Dealers

BY Michael S. Turrini, CSNA LM 30-2

Dedication: This sixteenth article in this series is proudly dedicated to Gordon R. Donnell, of Berkeley, California, who shares with this author a passion for traveling to coin club meetings, elongated coins, wooden money, and memorabilia from Golden Gate International Exposition (GGIE) and Panama-Pacific International Exposition (PPIE). Gordon lives in a twenty room historic mansion and drives a limousine.

In the closing paragraph of the twelfth article in this series (*PCNS Journal*, July, 1992, Number 32), there is a quote from a Lester Milligan (1893-1977; then Chairman of the Iowa Centennial Committee) letter that "the coin collectors must be hurt, the way they gripe!!" Refer to Figure 1.

Lester Milligan's letter is only one of several that in January through March 1947, during the secondary and final sales period for the 1946 Iowa Statehood Centennial Commemorative half dollar, would be generated between the dealers Roy and Ray Lawrence of Anamosa, Iowa and the Iowa Centennial Committee, its Ralph Evans, State Treasurer John M. Grimes (1873-1971), and whomever the intense and determined Lawrence brothers might write critically and derogatorily.[1]

In fact, the whole matter of these twin brothers' involvement and disruption with the 1946 Iowa Statehood Centennial Commemorative half dollar is an interesting, if at times hilarious, story unto itself.

When this author first commenced his exhaustive and extensive research into this half dollar, found among the copies and records in the files provided by the Iowa State Treasurer was a whole series of correspondence from these two brothers to and replies from the State Treasurer, some of it humorous and even ludicrous.

Because these Lawrence brothers and their heated controversy are an integral part of this half dollar's saga, this sixteenth article will concentrate on them, their background and career. This will be followed in the succeeding article(s) with their complaints and demands, which are the correct descriptive nouns.[2]

To begin, who were these Lawrence brothers?

Twins, the Lawrence brothers, Roy C. and Ray L., from Anamosa, Iowa, would from the 1940's into the 1960's attain national prominence as dealers in both coins and stamps plus publishers of their tabloid, *The Philatelic Press*, as it was named most of the years it was printed.[3]

The Philatelic Press, subtitled "The World's Greatest Paper for Stamp and Coin Collectors," was renamed *The Coin Collector*[4] in January of 1957. The Lawrence brothers

February 15, 1947

Lawrence Brothers
Postage Stamp Dealers
Anamosa, Iowa

Gentlemen:

Your communication and file are being sent to Mrs. Edith McElroy, executive secretary of the commission, for detailed answer.

The method of sale of the Iowa coin may not be perfect, but it has had the most careful consideration from the very beginning and all rules and regulations about it have been widely publicized.

It was the hope of the commission that the great majority of the coins would be purchased by individual Iowans for pocket pieces or keepsakes -- not for speculation. The record indicates that this was what happened in the sale.

Sincerely yours,

LESTER MILLIGAN
Chairman of the
Iowa Centennial
Commission

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Mrs. Edith McElroy
Mr. Ralph Evans, Chairman
Committee on
Stamp and Coin

The coin collectors must be hurt the way they gripe !!

Figure 1

were initially stamp dealers, but in the mid-1940's they changed their emphasis to coins, although their publication retained its first name for years. This was a result of the brothers' personal characteristic, frugality. In an issue of *The Philatelic Press* dated December 7, 1953, Roy stated that since 1946 their business had been "99 percent about coins." However, reflecting their life-long thrift, he had refused to change the periodical's heading, because it would cost $100.00 for a revised postal mailing permit!

Their first publications were hand-folded two pages, but at the peak were as much as sixty-four pages. This author has only seen their periodicals, *The Philatelic Press* and *The Coin Collector*, in four (two pages folded) newspaper size. Microfilmed issues of both publications from 1935-1967 were consulted for this article.

Both *The Philatelic Press* and *The Coin Collector* were published faithfully each month, on the first Monday, and enumerated Roy C. as Editor and Ray L. as Advertising Manager, the same titles each would hold for decades. A 1957 dated issue gave *The Coin Collector*'s

address as "300 Booth, Anamosa, Iowa, Phone 201-W." Subscription rates were bargains, even in 1957: $2.00 per year, two years $3.00, and life $10.00. These had been increased from 50 cents per year!

Roy and Ray were born on March 22, 1904 at their family home in Anamosa on 300 South Booth Street, where until their respective deaths they lived all their lives. These brothers were to spend much of their adult lives in the coin and stamp business, working at its peak daily from the family home, hauling "150 bags of mail to the Anamosa post office monthly" and serving their subscription list which "numbered around 18,000" with readers from across the United States, Canada, and a "few foreign countries."[5]

Roy attended the University of Iowa, as with Ray, but neither graduated. Roy was rejected from military service during the Second World War due to a childhood illness weakening his heart. Roy in 1960 married Marion Card from Iowa City, Iowa. She was a respected artist and architectural scholar. She died in 1981 and they never had any children. Ray served in the United States Army in the Second World War and later worked for the Internal Revenue Service. He never married.

In the 1920's, while at the University of Iowa, they published their first periodical, the "Lawrence Bros Stamp Bulletin." This generated enough income to pay their college expenses and they even sent money home.[6]

In a 1983 interview, surviving brother Roy remembered the twins traced their passion in stamps to their father George's stamp hobby. George was a lawyer and an established citizen in Anamosa. While the brothers were in high school and using the local Methodist Church's Sunday school newsletter, they located overseas pen pals and began corresponding, trading, and even advertising. Roy would reminisce that he and Ray received "as many as 18 letters" some days.[7]

The twins in 1923 graduated from Anamosa High School and, by the late 1920's, went into full-time stamp (later coin) dealing. Over the next five decades this would grow into a national mail order and hobby periodical business, all done from the family home on South Booth Street.

In the early years the "twins worked from their garage and had the paper printed locally and did the addressing themselves."[7] Roy, who would always call "journalism my hobby," wrote the periodical's articles in the "family converted dining room." When cutting stencils he often requested assistance from his mother, cooking in the adjoining kitchen. She would answer "that if he asked about cooking, then she'd have something to say."[7]

The irony of their nearly five full decades in the coin and stamp business was that neither twin ever collected, considering coins and stamps "just merchandise."[8] Living all their lives in Anamosa, the twins invested in property and were landlords renting several commercial sites on Anamosa's Main Street. Their only known recreation was travel, making a few trips for pleasure to Las Vegas (refer to Figure 2). Most of their travel was during their prime, on business to coin and stamp shows and exhibitions. The Lawrence brothers--hardworking, thrifty, and conservative--had only one known hobby: being twins. Thus they would sometimes attend conventions of twins.

The Lawrence brothers continued the name *The Philatelic Press* from March, 1935 until December of 1956. On January 20, 1957 the publication appeared with its new name, *The Coin Collector*. Due to Ray's poor health, the publication was sold in May of 1966 to Ed Babka of Kewanee, Illinois, who had started *The Antique Trader* in 1957. *The Antique Trader* has been published out of Dubuque, Iowa since 1969. Mr. Babka has since retired.

In September of 1967 Krause Publications of Iola, Wisconsin started a publication called *The Coin Shopper*. In April of 1968 Krause acquired *The Coin Collector* from Ed Babka and combined *The Coin Shopper* with *The Coin Collector*, with the first combined issue making its debut in May of 1968. The obituary of Ray Lawrence appeared in the April 16, 1968 issue. Krause discontinued this combined publication after December, 1969 and merged the subscription lists with *Numismatic News* and *Coins*.[9]

Figure 2. Ray, Marion, and Roy Lawrence in 1962 at the Stardust Lounge in Las Vegas, Nevada. (Photo submitted by the Anamosa Historical Society.)

Ray died at age 64 in 1968. Roy passed away at age 79 in November, 1983. Roy remained active until his death with writing and local senior citizen causes, typing on the same manual typewriter that he had typed on for decades while in his business.

Having no children and apparently holding a deep affection for his hometown, Roy bequeathed an estate of $500,000 to the town plus the old brick family home. This home would become, and is now, the site of the Anamosa Historical Society. The property is named the Lawrence Historical Home, and is a museum dedicated to the time period when it was constructed. Roy's bequeathal did not include funds for this museum, only the home itself.

In their time the Lawrence brothers had quite a subscription list and following. For example, John Russell, of Concord, California, remembers that in the 1950's he subscribed to the brothers' *The Philatelic Press* and regrets to this day failing to heed their printed advice to purchase uncirculated 1949-S Roosevelt dime rolls. The rolls were offered for $7.00 per roll. Steven F. Miller, current Iowa Deputy State Treasurer, recollected having in the 1960's held a lifetime subscription to *The Coin Collector* at the bargain price of $10.00!

In each issue, or those that came to this author's attention, all new subscribers were listed and identified as "Collector's Club." A 1951 issue itemized names from Angel's Camp, California, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Racine Wisconsin, Brooklyn, New York, and Houston, Texas. It is not clear that this so-called Club was published in each and every issue, but each person noted was assigned a subscription number. The highest to come to this author's attention is #20359 in the previously mentioned 1957 issue.

The brothers seemed quite proud of this Collector's Club, explaining:[10]

> Collectors subscribing to this paper for three years, for the special price of $1.00, are entitled to membership in "The Collector's Club," an all hobby organization. The club offers a listing of all new members

each month, their hobbies, and members are invited to write one another. They enjoy too authenic [sic] information, often found in no other paper, in the columns of this paper.

The brothers were equally proud of their monthly periodical, and in a December 7, 1953 issue of *The Philatelic Press*, Roy C. reprinted an interview he had given to a local Cedar Rapids newspaper which described his and Ray's routine:[10]

> Editor and the business and advertising manager of this unusual publishing enterprise is Roy C. Lawrence, 49, who offices in box 132 [sic] of Anamosa's modern postal building. The periodical is printed by Paul R. and Maye G. Nesbitt's Modern Printing Company in Manchester [Iowa]. Lawrence hasn't been near the print shop in over a year. It's all done by mail. Lawrence goes to his "office" about 9 a.m. each weekday and spends about a half-hour processing the incoming mail--subscriptions, advertising orders and trading offers--and preparing and dispatching copy to the printer. From 10 a.m. until noon he operates in high gear at home where further processing of the mail takes place. From 1 to 1:30 p.m. he is at the post office. From 1:30 to 5 he answers mail at home and from 4 to 5:30 he is back at the post office to wind the day's work. Obviously, Lawrence handles a big volume of mail--as many as 135 letters a day.

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January 14th, 1947

Treasurer of State of Iowa,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir:-

The Executive Secretary of the Iowa Centennial Committee, Edith Wasson McElroy, requested that we write you in her letter of Jan. 13th, ordering the Iowa Centennial coins we need, direct from you. We enclose bank draft for $625.00, for 250 of the Iowa coins. Send them to us by insured express, charges collect for transportation and insurance.

In the event 250 coins are not available, send us many as you can, at $2.50 per coin, and refund the difference.

We wish to pay only $2.50 per coin, plus transportation.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence Brothers

Lawrence Brothers,
native Iowans and life long Republicans

By Roy

Figure 3

Roy attributed their "boom in circulation" to the post-World War II increased popularity of coin collecting.[11] This has been a common observation on numismatics in the immediate years after the end of the Second World War.

A review of the Lawrence's publication, of whatever name, and its editorial style is beyond the intent and scope of this article and the series itself, except when the brothers commented on the Iowa half dollar, which they did quite strongly.

The Lawrence brothers themselves remain an interesting and nice tidbit of numismatic history, but what do they have in common with the 1946 Iowa Statehood Centennial Commemorative half dollar? Quite enough and unmistakably an irritation. It all can be traced to their first letter of January 14, 1947 ordering 250 half dollars (refer to Figure 3). Their order, seeking a reduced price, would ignite much in heated correspondence. Impatient and obstinate, Roy within days followed this letter with one dated the 21st. Dissatisfied with the lack of immediate delivery, Roy became angered. He threatened the Republican State Treasurer Grimes with voting for the recently deceased FDR: "They say they'll have to dig up some one to vote for, and it might as well be FDR."[12]

Well, no one knows for sure if the Lawrence brother and their subscribers and customers did vote Democratic, but this controversy had just been joined. Stay tuned--to be continued...

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FOOTNOTES

1. Readers are welcomed to review the prior mini-series "Collectors, Too, Buy the Coin," began in *PCNS Journal* July, 1991 through October, 1992. For convenience, footnotes have been limited to direct quotations and significant aspects.
2. This article, the first in a short mini-series, will provide a short biography and background on the twin Lawrence brothers.
3. Most all information on these two brothers was obtained for this author via the kind assistance of Larry Adams, Boone, Iowa and Remy Bourne, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
4. A few actual issues of these periodicals were loaned to the author courtesy of Remy Bourne. Microfilmed issues from 1933-1967 were also consulted.
5. These are quoted from a 1983 interview and reminiscence Roy Lawrence gave in a February 9, 1983 *Anamosa Journal-Eureka* front page feature. Remy Bourne loaned this newspaper to the author.
6. Larry Adams provided excerpts from a local history named "Anamosa 1838-1988: A Reminiscence" (Monticello Express, Monticello, Iowa) which had a short biographical sketch of these two brothers.
7. loc. cit., *Anamosa Journal-Eureka*, February 9, 1983.
8. Roy reflected that he "never collected stamps or coins" just "bought and sold them," and it is obvious based on available references he was the most vocal and determined of the twins.
9. Telephone conversations on July 3, 1993 between Larry Adams, Boone, Iowa and Cliff Mishler, Krause Publications, Iola, Wisconsin.
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MEMBER DESIGNS COMMEMORATIVE COIN

Edward Southworth Fisher, a CSNA member from Merrick, New York, prepared one of the designs chosen for the United States Mint's World War II Fiftieth Anniversary Commemorative coin set. His dot-dot-dot-dash (Morse code for the letter "V") superimposed over a large block "V" comprises the reverse of the gold $5 piece currently being marketed by the Mint.

Fisher based his design on the dual concept of "V" for victory--the famous two fingered signal widely used during World War II--combined with the Roman numeral five.

The designer is also a prolific author. His contributions have appeared in *Numismatic News*, *Coins*, *World Coin News*, and *The Numismatist*, among others. In addition, Mr. Fisher has received an Honorable Mention Literary Award this year for his 1992 article on "Corregidor Once Site of World War II Treasure" in *Calcoin News*.

CSNA 93rd Convention

January 21-23, 1994 are the dates for the 93rd Convention of the California State Numismatic Association. This year's gathering will be similar to the one held just one year ago. The location is the same: the Old San Jose Convention Center in downtown San Jose. Again, the Park Center Plaza Holiday Inn, located next door to the convention center, is offering special CSNA room rates of $75, single or double. Additional information may be found in the announcement on page 9.

A highlight of the convention is the Friday Night Educational Forum, held one hour earlier this year at 7:00 p.m. It's hoped that this earlier start will encourage a greater attendance from among the bourse goers, as the bourse room closes at 7:00. Moderator for this event is CSNA Past-President Tom Fitzgerald, and two very special speakers have been recruited. Both will present programs detailing the numismatics of foreign nations which have historical ties to the United States. Phil Nordin of Lemoore, California is a specialist in the numismatics of The Philippines, this nation having been a U. S. possession from 1898 to 1946. His program is a multimedia show featuring five projectors and a sound system, all coordinated through a computer. Herb Miles of Richmond, California rounds out the ticket with a slide presentation on the coinage of Liberia. This African nation was founded by and for emancipated slaves from the USA. Its pattern coinage bears a remarkable similarity to then current U. S. coins.

Several club meetings have been scheduled for Saturday morning and afternoon in the meeting room immediately opposite the bourse area. The CSNA board opens this activity with its meeting at 9:00 a.m. Two hours later, the Barber Coin Collectors Society meets. At noon, an American Numismatic Association slide program on the detection of counterfeit U. S. coins will be hosted by yours truly. 1:00 p.m. is the traditional meeting time for the California Exonumists Society, and this gathering will be followed at 2:00 by the CSNA's general membership meeting. At 3:00, the Early American Coppers Club has the floor, and the day is rounded out with a 4 o'clock meeting of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club.

Saturday night is the time to relax and enjoy the fellowship of our annual awards banquet. The dinner starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Holiday Inn. Your master of ceremonies this year is Ed Fulwider, retired Senior Die-Setter for the San Francisco Mint. The announcement of the 1993 literary awards will be a highlight of this evening, along with the presentation of the CSNA's Medal of Merit to a worthy recipient.

Other activities of the convention include competitive and non-competitive exhibits and a raffle, both managed by the San Jose Coin Club. The SJCC's medals, along with our own 93rd Convention Medals, will be available throughout the show. Be sure to stop by the CSNA's table in the bourse room. Further details, along with a map of the bourse room, will appear in the convention program, available when you register. A one dollar donation goes to the San Jose Coin Club, our gracious host for this convention.

Hope to see you there,

David W. Lange
Chairman

HISTORY OF THE CSNA MEDALLIONS

BY Virginia Hall
PHOTOS BY William O. Wisslead

1987 -- SAN FRANCISCO

The 80th Semi-Annual Convention was held at the Cathedral Hill, Van Ness and Geary in San Francisco on May 1-3, 1987. The General Chairman was David Cieniewicz, along with Co-Chairmen Becky Cieniewicz and Steve Huston.

A beautiful historic poster was created to announce the convention and commemorate the anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge. The poster showed the bridge in a vintage photograph taken April 22, 1937 shortly before construction was completed.

The theme of the convention was "Numismatics--A Bridge to the Past." The medal was designed by David Cieniewicz and shows the S.S. Eureka in front of the Golden Gate Bridge.

The Friday luncheon was a diversion from yesteryear as about 30 numismatists gathered at the Vera Cruz across the street from the Cathedral Hill for a Mexican fiesta at noon time. They were treated to a rare performance by the manager who played the spoons and then tapped out an upbeat tune on partially filled bottles.

The host club was the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society.

Quantity struck: 1000 Golden Bronze
250 Oxidized Bronze
250 .999 Fine Silver

1987 -- ONTARIO

The 81st convention was held at the Red Lion on November 6-8, 1987 with G. Lee Kuntz serving as General Chairman.

The fall round-up followed the theme of the convention--A Salute to our Western Heritage. The medal depicts the City of Upland seal and was designed by Ethel Lenhert. The centerpiece of the medal features a woman and her child as the core of the pioneer family who settled the area.

The host was the Upland Coin Club.

Quantity struck: 1350 Golden Bronze
200 Oxidized Bronze
200 .999 Fine Silver

26th ANNUAL CSNA SYMPOSIUM

BY Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald, CSNA R-2074

The 26th annual California State Numismatic Association Symposium will be held at Days Inn in Fullerton, California on Saturday, March 19, 1994. This hotel, located at the juncture of the 91 Freeway and Raymond Ave. continues as the home of the educational event.

Four new speakers will present talks for their first appearance as part of the CSNA program. Bill Spengler headed a panel on "The Cleaning of Coins" at the 1987 forum but has never presented a talk.

The four speakers (not necessarily in this order) will be:

1. Fred Schwan from Ohio. He is an author and an authority on Military Payment Certificates. He will present a program commemorating numismatics of "D-Day," 1944.
2. William F. Spengler, author from Colorado Springs, Colorado. Bill is a South Asian historian and numismatist.
3. Scott Travers from New York. He is an author and head of Scott Travers Rare Coin Galleries.
4. William O. Wisslead from Santa Ana, California. Bill was one of the founders of the Symposium and served as General Chairman from 1976 through 1979.

The 1994 edition will follow the same format as previous symposiums with two speakers appearing prior to lunch and two immediately following the noon break. There is no admission charge. The juniors will be the guests of the NASC for lunch and we know all who attend will have a wonderful day. We hope to see you on March 19th in Fullerton. Some of us may be still celebrating St. Patrick's Day!

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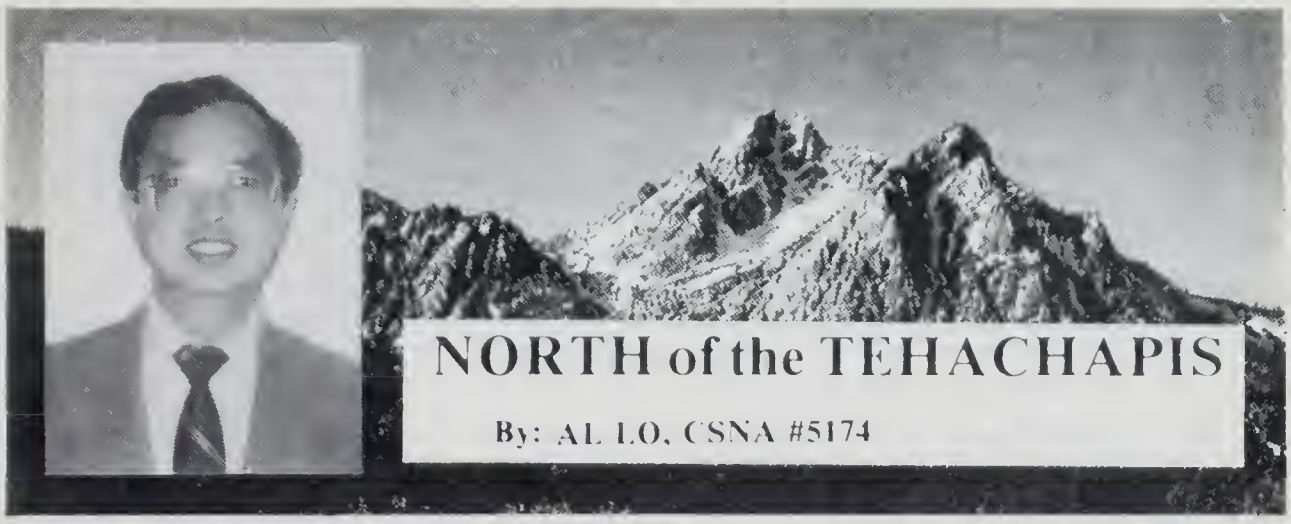
25 YEAR MEDALS

MEMBERS AND CLUBS TO RECEIVE 25 YEAR MEMBERSHIP MEDALS AT THE CONVENTION BANQUET ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 1994:

C-2038	Eureka Coin Club	Eureka, CA
R-1678	Angus Bruce	Hemet, CA
L-23-01	Philip Centeman, Sr.	San Diego, CA
R-2147	Joseph M. Colabella	Clearlake, CA
R-2074	Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald	Covina, CA
R-2115	William E. Horning	Stockton, CA
R-2134	Dr. A.L. Kesselman	Richardson, TX
R-2125	Douglas K. Pryor	Sacramento, CA
R-2165	William H. Moore	Clearlake, CA
R-2128	Ernesto R. Lopez	Pittsburg, CA
R-2060	Marvin Schneider	Pacifica, CA
R-2158	Everette Self	Yuma, AZ
R-2070	Norm B. Sturgess	San Bernardino, CA
R-2118	Glenn F. Terry	Rancho Murieta, CA
R-2151	Paul E. Thiebaut	San Mateo, CA



NORTH of the TEHACHAPIS

By: AL I.O. CSNA #5174

It's the time of the year for holidays AND elections. I know that everyone will participate in the holidays BUT what about the elections? A club is only as good as its officers and members. I hope that all members will be willing to lend a helping hand with running your club. If you haven't been an officer, I'm sure the "old timers" will be willing to teach you the ropes. Being an officer may be an experience you like!! A BIG hand must be given to the officers who have run or are running our clubs! They put in a lot of time and effort. THANKS!

VERY INTERESTING...

"Barbary Coast Saloons, Dance Halls and Their Tokens" was JERRY SCHIMMEL's October talk at the *San Francisco Coin Club*. Next CHUCK WHITE entertained members with "Odd & Curious Money of Siam" during the November meeting. Now plans are under way to celebrate the club's 400th meeting in March. Memorable ideas are being solicited by editor MARK CLARK!

A WHAT???

What's a QUAPAW? If you attended *Peninsula Coin Club's* September meeting, you would have learned that a Quapaw Indian Chief appears on the Arkansas Centennial Commemorative half dollar. These and other interesting tidbits can be learned from the three quiz questions which editor FRED VAN DEN HAAK includes in the monthly bulletin. The Quiz, SuperQuiz, and Super DuperQuiz are always fun and challenging.

IF YOU CAN'T BEAT THEM, CHANGE THE MEETING NIGHT!

The *Redwood Empire Coin Club* will now meet on the SECOND Wednesday of the month instead of the FOURTH Wednesday to avoid conflicts with other clubs. The youth meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and the regular meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Coddingtown Community Center, 1100B Coddingtown, in Santa Rosa.

Secretary GUY SHAPPY reported that they had another small, but fun coin show in October. But like a lot of coin clubs, they barely broke even and are looking for ideas for improvement.

WILL IT BE ONE OR TWO???

Controversy has hit the *Solano Silver Round Club* (SSRC). Its Second World War Fiftieth Anniversary Silver Round series produces only one round each year. But 1994 has more than one significant event for which some members want to strike silver rounds. Will there be ONE or TWO silver rounds next year?

Club member KAZUMA OYAMA was mentioned in September's *Silver Notes* as being the only SSRC member from Hawaii. Kazuma was also mentioned in *Numismatic News* as also being the only member of the International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors from Hawaii. SSRC is indeed a unique club with unique members!

RUDY GJUROVICH AND HIS MONEY SUIT

San Jose Coin Club member ED SINS paid tribute to a pioneer member of the club, Rudy Gjurovich, at the October meeting. Rudy was one of the outstanding personalities in the hobby prior to his death in 1984. Ed's talk was "Rudy Gjurovich and His Money Suit." Another speaker was DAVID LANGE whose speech, "Peace Dollars," was one of the best talks given at the club in a long time according to editor ED SINS.

IT MAKES CENTS...

The *Alameda Coin Club* reported that their Bay Area Coin Show was a big success and both the Alameda and San Francisco Coin Clubs benefited. A large measure of the success must be attributed to coin show coordinator HANS HANSSON and bourse chairman TOM KELLY.

HANS HANSSON was the guest speaker who came all the way from San Francisco to give the club some "cents." "Cents" from 1792 to present was the topic of his September talk. ARNOLD EPPERSON also had sense when he joined the club on his first visit and then won the membership drawing at the end of the meeting. Way to go, Arnold!

NATHAN CONTINUES TRADITION...

In August, *Cupertino Coin club's* resident gaming tokens expert, GARY ACQUISTAPACE, gave his yearly tokens report after doing extensive "research" in Nevada. Youth vice president NATHAN MILLER continued the tradition of the youth vice president conducting the October meeting by presiding and presenting an interesting coin trivia quiz to the youth members.

President PHIL SOLOMON awarded First Annual Presidential Awards to RON ISHIZAKI, RAY JOHNSON, AL LO, JEAN PRITCHETT, KATHERINE RAY, and BOB TOPOR at the 9th Annual Cupertino Coin Club Banquet for their unselfish work and dedication to the club.

ANOTHER WELL DESERVED AWARD!!

The *Pacific Coast Numismatic Society* received the Second Place Award for Outstanding Club Publication at the ANA Convention in August. Long-standing editors DAVE & BECKY CIENIEWICZ are congratulated for winning the prestigious award. Recent meetings have featured "Coins of the Bible" by ROGER GRIMES in August, an Annual White Elephant Sale in September, JERRY SCHIMMEL's "San Francisco Brothel Houses and Tokens, 1897-1917" in October, and "More Than You Ever Wanted to Know About Tibet & Its Coinage" by CALVIN ROGERS in November. The show & tell exhibits are always very interesting and informative.

IT'S TOUGH DOING RESEARCH...

The *Fresno Numismatic Society* members know how to combine FUN with RESEARCH by visiting the Carson City Old Mint Museum, coin shops in Carson City, and of course resting their weary feet at one of the city's finest restaurants (casino). Further research was done at that time on Keno and poker slot machines. GEORGE SHAMLIN gave his overall view of the coin market at the August meeting, DALE HEWLETT presented a very interesting and visual program on "Collecting Type Sets" at the September meeting, and in October, an ANA slide program was scheduled.

TICK TOCK, TICK TOCK

Diablo Numismatic Society members enjoyed Other Hobbies Night in October with displays of watches, Philippine carved knife sheath, wood carving, clock radios (81!), and milk bottles. DAVID LANGE spoke at the November meeting about his latest numismatic book, "The Complete Guide to Mercury Dimes."

OLYMPICS WAS A WINNER...

The *Fairfield Coin Club* had a very successful coin show in September with a large number of exhibitors submitting displays. Winning the President's Award with his "Selection of Olympic Coins" was CHUCK WHITE. The Speakers Awards were won by

KEVIN MALOY for "United States Military Payment Certificates" and WILLIAM SPENCE for "Medallic Portraits of John F. Kennedy." RUSSELL LEACH won the Peoples' Choice Award for his "American Silver Eagles" display. Congratulations to all 15 entrants!!

The club also announced a joint medal program with the Vallejo Numismatic Society featuring nine different Anheuser-Busch "A and Eagle" logos used since 1872. The first medal (see below) is available from the clubs at $20 each (plus $2.50 postage per order). The medals will be struck in one ounce of .999 fine silver with antique finish. Medals will be unnumbered, with the year 1993 stamped on the edge. Orders will be accepted until February 15, 1994. Write : Fairfield Coin Club, P.O. Box 944, Fairfield, CA 94533.

WHAT DID YOU DO IN THE WAR, JOE???

The *Vallejo Numismatic Society* celebrated "Mare Island Night" by holding its October meeting at the Vallejo Historical and Naval Museum. JOE BLEAU gave a full review of each and every job and project that he had ever worked on at Mare Island; his talk included something, photograph or keepsake, of each naval vessel that he had worked on. Mercury Dime Night was held in November and DAVE LANGE was the guest speaker, speaking about his second book, this one on Mercury dimes.

In addition to the joint medal program with the Fairfield Coin Club (see above), the Vallejo club is issuing a 1994 coin show medal featuring the "Red and White Fleet's" Vallejo Ferry. Medals are $20 each (bright silver) or $5 each (oxidized bronze; both postpaid). Send orders to: Jan Henke, 1806 San Jose Pl., Fairfield, CA 94533.

WRITTEN QUIZZES ANYONE???

Livermore Valley Coin Club continues to have interesting speech topics at its meetings. "Irish Gun Money," a video tape on the ANA coin show, and "Collecting Gambling Tokens" have been some of the recent programs. Written coin quizzes are also given with questions taken from the Red Book and prizes awarded to the winners.

MOOOVING AHEAD...

Liberty Numismatic Society's Annual October Book Sale raised $728.85 for the club thanks to the help of guest auctioneer STEPHEN HUSTON. LNS governor PETER COLLIANDER was September's featured speaker. His talk on "Cows" was about the use of cattle as items of barter and their value relative to more conventional money. He then listed some coins which depict cows or bulls.

AUTHOR, AUTHOR!!

The *Sacramento Valley Coin Club* newsletter had a very interesting two-part article, "Heraldry--The Other Side of the Coin" by MERLE COOVER. Merle covered the history and uses of these emblems and symbols, showing several examples. Other educational events were BOB DE CESARIS's "World Trade Dollars" talk in September, BETTY WEBB's

"Hawaiian Coins" speech in October, and DAVID LANGE's "A Review of Mercury Dimes" in November.

Award winners at the 36th Annual Fall Coin-A-Rama were Best of Show for JEFF SHEVLIN's "Toned Morgan Dollars," First Place for ED HOFFMAN's comprehensive display of military payment currency, and Second Place to PATTI BANDY for her currency display of broken bank notes.

7 in 7...

The *Gateway Coin Club's* 1994 club medal was designed by LILA and JOEL ANDERSON who honored "The Yakuts, Native Americans of Merced." CHUCK WHITE was the guest speaker on ancient coins in September. Members had to listen very carefully as he covered seven centuries in seven minutes!

Acting editor JOEL ANDERSON really showed how Gateway members receive a lot for their $5 dues: save $11 on a set of club medals, save $4.95 on a Red Book, save $8 on the Christmas banquet, save $5 to $20 on a club bus tour, get a free summer picnic, get a free pizza feed if you help at the coin show, a chance to win the $10 membership prize, get to participate in club auctions, as well as the friendship and fellowship of the best coin club in Merced County! WOW, that's great!

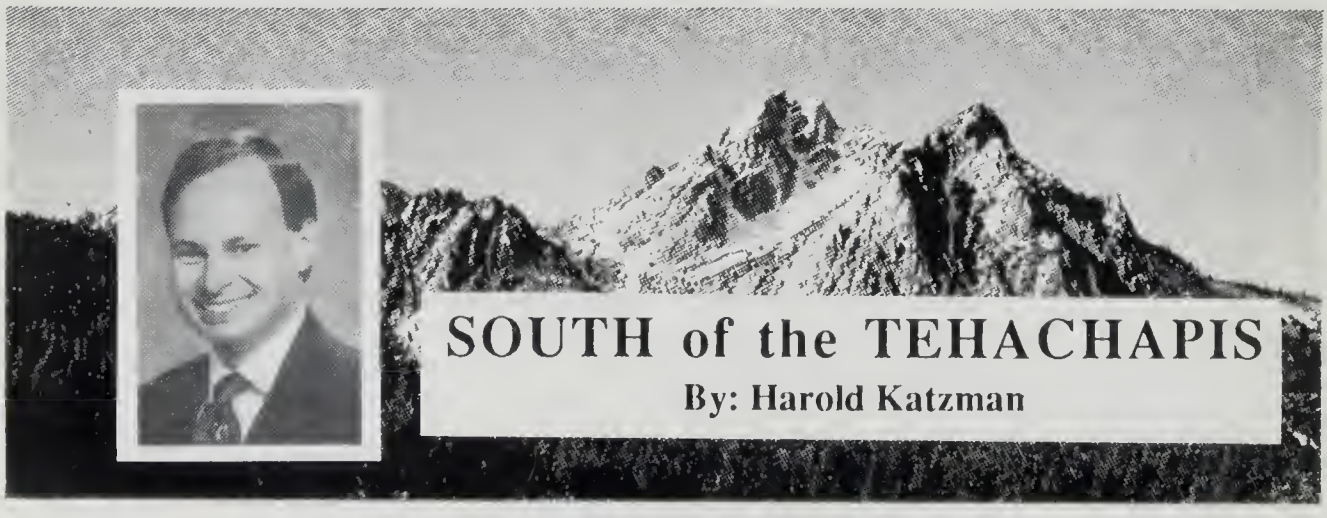
THANK GOODNESS IT'S OVER....

The *Delta Coin Club* is breathing a sigh of relief now that its annual coin show was successfully completed. Special recognition was given to bourse chairman ELDEN ENZMINGER and club members LORIS ENZMINGER, CHUCK WHITE, and KEVIN MALOY for their great efforts. Recognition should also be given to WILLIAM CATZALCO and MIKE RICHARDSON for their efforts in selling 600 & 530 raffle tickets, respectively. Perennial champion HOWARD WESELY sold ONLY 330 tickets. Are you slipping, Howard?? Next big event is the annual dinner in January.

THE RON MILLER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE!

GLEN JACOB of the *Fremont Coin Club* won "The Ron Miller Award of Excellence" for his Idaho Centennial 1890-1990 exhibit at Fremont's annual show in August. First Place went to BRIITA EHLERS on wooden Depression money of Oregon & Washington, Second Place was won by DON BARSI on Niles, California tokens, and Third Place was snagged by CARL SNYDER featuring types of paper money of the South.

Speakers at recent meetings were RICH KELLY, "Pieces of the Rarity Puzzle" and LARRY BENSON, "Ingredients of a Good Exhibit."



SOUTH of the TEHACHAPIS

By: Harold Katzman

Russian To France

The September meeting of the Bay Cities Coin Club featured Tom Fitzgerald as their speaker. Tom gave an excellent program on "The 1793 Large Cent." Club members Tom &

Bill Spenglar took to the air on their way to Avignon, France. October's program was an ANA slide presentation on "The World of Odd and Curious Money." The November meeting saluted "The Golden Age of Russian Numismatics: The Bronze Coinage of the 17th & 18th Century."

California (Tokens) Here I Come

John Barnes drove all the way from Sherman Oaks to speak before the Covina Coin Club in September. He presented an excellent program about "California Tokens." Did you know that the Covina Coin Club has met at the same location for 36 years? Can any other club equal or top this? Bill Wisslead spoke on the "Buffalo Nickel" in October. And would you believe that club member Jim Clarkston drove from Covina to Tustin early one morning, had knee surgery and then drove home the same night? OUCH!!

Solid As A Rock

"Coins of Maria Theresa" was the program in September for the Culver City Coin Club. Kay Lenker spoke about her favorite Lady and did an excellent job. In August, William Grant gave a slide program on the "Rock of Gibraltar Coinage." Bill and his wife visited this small country during their stay in Spain. Zeve Akerling was October's speaker. He dressed as Captain Black Beard and spoke on "Pirate Money." It was truly a memorable program. Dr. Tom Fitzgerald presented "Bicentennial of the U.S. Cent" in November.

COINO

"COINO" by Mr. Paul Borack was the August program for the Downey Numismatists. Paul was also the winner of a 2 peso gold coin. Club secretary, Albertus Hoogeveen gave a "Guided Tour of the Utrecht Mint" in September. The club sends wishes for a speedy recovery to member Caletta Gilreath after her recent operation.

Attacked By A Meat Cleaver?

"Everything you always wanted to know about the ANA" was the subject of the Fontana United Numismatist September meeting. Club president, Kay Lenker, shared all the inside information about ANA. Kay has served ANA on many committees and has run for the Board of Governors. October was the annual "Nona Moore Display Competition." The results will be announced in December. November saw Mr. Terry Eshleman present a program on "Chop Marks on Coins." Who took the meat cleaver on these coins? The December meeting was the annual Holiday Potluck dinner.

Calling Sheryl, Calling Sheryl, Where Are YOU?

Believe it or not, Sheryl Troutman was again unable to speak to the Hemet Coin Club in August. This time she was called away by bank business. The first time, as you may recall, she was involved in an auto accident on the way to the club meeting. The club hopes the third time is a charm. And the third time will be in November. Let's all hope she makes it this time (we will all know in the next issue). Her program will be on the "New Anti-Counterfeiting Measures Being Taken on Our Currency." September's meeting was "Other Hobby Night." October featured a "White Elephant Sale" that netted the club over $90. The club noted the passing of member Genevieve H. King.

100%

The Israel Numismatic Society of LA reported in their September bulletin that all members had renewed their membership. The last delinquent member sent in his dues with a note of apology. That's three years in a row of 100% renewals. Can anyone else tell of similar success stories? Club member Yaakou Mead recently got married. Best wishes to Yaakou and wife Dina. October's program was titled "New Issues of the Judah Magnus Jewish Hall of Fame Medals." It was presented by Mel Wacks, a nationally recognized author, lecturer, cataloger and researcher. Condolences were extended to member Henry Cordon upon the passing of his wife. She will be missed by all. Junior member Irad Salomon had his Bar-Mitzvah October 24. Mazeltov!

California Here I Come...

Club member Phil Iversen presented a "Coin Grading Clinic" to the Litton Coin Club in September. Jerry and Mary Yahalom talked on "California Commemoratives" at the October meeting. It was a very moving program. In November the club viewed a video on the "1993 ANA Convention" that was held in Baltimore. The December meeting will be a Holiday party held at El Torito Restaurant in Woodland Hills.

No Non(Cents)

Dr. Sol Taylor was the featured speaker at the September meeting of the Long Beach Coin Club. Dr. Taylor has written several books and numerous articles on the Lincoln cent. Over 35 people were in attendance. October saw Kay Lenker talk about "Maria Theresa." The Maria Theresa thaler is considered one of the world's best-liked coins. Club member Emanuel Coster underwent surgery. The club wishes him a speedy recovery. November's meeting was devoted to "Bourse Night." Many great items exchanged owners. December was election month as well as the annual Pie and Cake contest. What a delicious night.

Legal or Not?

The Los Angeles Coin Club's September & October programs were titled "The Money Man," presented by James Stevens George Boggs. James is an artist whose specialty is paper money where he adds his "artistic touches" to reproductions. While he has not been arrested, some of his works have been confiscated. Club member Murray Singer was presented the ANA Club Representative for 1993. Murray also received his 40 year pin from ANA. November saw Dr. Sol Taylor talk about the Lincoln cent. The club wishes Maurice Getz a speedy recovery from his recent surgery. December's Holiday meeting featured Paul Borack and his COINO machine. Club president Hal Stanbridge extended his thanks to all the officers and board members for their dedication to the club this past year.

Buffalo Bill Won't You Come Out Tonight...

The August meeting of the San Bernardino County Coin Club was "Other Hobby Night." Over 20 other hobbies were on display ranging from cactus plants to lottery tickets to railroad engine I.D. plates. November saw Bill Wisslead talk on the buffalo nickel. Bill put together a complete collection from circulation (except for the 1937 three-legged). Club member Joseph E. Walker has opened a new coin shop in Norco. The club wishes him well. October was "Super Auction Night." 200 auction lots were offered to eager collectors. September saw Jerry and Mary Yahalom travel all the way form Thousand Oaks to talk about "United States Commemoratives."

ODD Coins?

The September meeting of the San Diego Numismatic Society had Al Baber talk about the 1993 ANA Convention held in Baltimore. He exhibited many souvenirs and mementos from this convention. October saw Kay Lenker present a slide program on "Odd Shaped Coins." During November Chuck Luce spoke on "Dating Systems of Coins." In December the club moved back to the larger Senior Center. It was just in time for the annual Holiday Dinner and "White Elephant" sale. The installation banquet will be held at Sizzlers on January 4.

1878 Varieties

The Santa Barbara Coin Club's September meeting featured Nathan Culbertson speaking on "Die Varieties of the 1878 Morgan Dollar." After this great program, the club had a bourse night. In October, Gil Berry presented a program on ancient coins. November saw member Joel Harwin talk on his favorite subject, "The Little Half Sisters." This slide program covers most of the 16 die varieties that comprise the half cent of 1795-1797. The club extended wishes for a speedy recovery to member Al Leenders and Pat Greenwald, as both recover from recent illnesses. The annual Christmas party was held at the Miramar Hotel December 13.

Farewell SCANS

The September meeting of SCANS was a member participation program. Members were asked to bring in "My Favorite Coins--and Why." There was no meeting in August. On Sunday October 31 the SCANS Board of Directors agreed to disband the club. Members moving away, passing on, plus low attendance lead to this painful decision. On Sunday January 23 the club will have a farewell luncheon.

PRESTIDIGITATION

First vice president & program chairman, Jeff Klemzak, presented the September program before the Verdugo Hills Coin Club. It was an educational slide program on "Altered and Counterfeit Coins." The club has moved to a new and better location, meeting at the Pasadena Elks Club at Colorado and Orange Grove. Club member Anthony Vecchio was in an auto accident. Also John Nichols was in the hospital for tests. The club hopes both are up and about soon. October's program was on "MAGIC." Jesse King and David Collister, two 15 year old magicians amazed the membership with great feats of PRESTIDIGITATION (now try and saw that fast three times). The November meeting saw Phil Iversen talk on "Hard Times Tokens." These are copper tokens made during the 1840's and 1850's and were used as mediums of exchange, etc.

"I Shall Return..."

The September meeting of the West Valley Coin Club had Jerry Yahalom speak on "Israel Coins and Medals." Jerry is an avid collector of Israel medals featuring the city of Jerusalem. In November, I Shall return, Phil Iversen spoke on "Pre-1947 Philippine Coins." The slide program informed the group of both the Spanish influence and American influence on producing these coins. The club reported that the Coin-O-Rama held October 24 produced a profit of $900. Well Done!

U-well Love PNC's

Ewell Gunter of Santa Ana was again the featured speaker at the Whittier Coin Club. His September talk was titled "History in the Making." Ewell produces many PNC's to commemorate historic events. September was also the club's anniversary, celebrated via a potluck dinner. Buffalo Bill Wisslead stampeded to Whittier in October and spoke on "The Buffalo Nickel." November was "Other Hobby Night." It was reported that club member Jessie Uhlir broke her knee. The club hopes that she's back on her feet real soon. December is the annual dessert potluck meeting. In addition, the club asks for food donations and "Toys for Tots" donations. Special door prizes include a 2 peso gold coin and a $20 gift certificate for Ribeiro's Restaurant in Chino, donated by Jessie Ayala.

Condolences Bill Wisslead

"Other Hobbies" was the program at the Upland Coin Club meeting in September. It was here the club learned of the passing of club vice president Bill Wisslead's wife the night before. Vice president Wisslead was at this meeting and informed the group what happened. He told everyone that he wanted to be with friends versus staying at home. All of us extend to Bill and his family our deepest sympathy. October saw Dr. Sol Taylor talk on the "Lincoln Cent." It was an excellent program enjoyed by all. And did you know that there exists a 1959 wheat cent? It reportedly sold for over $15,000. Let's all start looking. The November program was a slide program titled "The Wonderful World of Trade Dollars." It was narrated by Bill Wisslead and Albert Hall.

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LIBRARY NEWS

BY Dorothy E. Beaulieu, CSNA Librarian

Following is a listing of recently acquired books in the CSNA lending library:

A-15a Anton, William T. & Bruce Kesse. Forgotten Coins of the North American Colonies. 111 pp., illus. Krause, Iola, WI, 1992.

B-6d Becker, Tom. Confessions of a Coin Dealer. Unpaged, Illus. Becker & Kuehnert, Laconia, NH, 1991.

B-43 Blythe, Al. The Complete Guide to Liberty Seated Half Dimes. 167 pp., illus. DLRC Press, Virginia Beach, VA, 1992.

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F-26 Farber, Glyn V. Hickey Brothers Cigar Tokens. 80 pp., illus. Token & Medal Society, Inc., 1992.

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H-43 Hannon, Brian. Glimpses of History, Coins from 550 B.C. Unpaged, illus. DLRC Press, Virginia Beach, VA,. 1992.

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K-38e Krause, Chester L. & Cliff Mishler. Standard Catalogue of World Coins. 640 pp., illus. 3rd ed. Krause, Iola, WI, 1992.

L-32 Lange, David W. The Complete Guide to Buffalo Nickels. 124 pp., illus. DLRC Press, Virginia Beach, VA, 1992.

M-102 M.A.O. Management Group, Ltd. History of Chinese 16th Century B.C.-20th Century A.D. 220 pp., illus. New China Publishing House, 1993.

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S-53 Sieber, Arlyn G. 1992 North American Coins & Prices. 496 pp., illus. Krause, Iola, WI, 1992.

S-56 Speck, R.S. & Stephen M. Huston. Constantine's Dafne Coinage at Constantinople. Huston, San Francisco, 1992.

S-64 Swiss Bank Corporation. Niederlandische Rechenpfennige und Marken. illus. catalog (Jetons). Swiss Bank Corporation, 1992.

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S-2d Slabaugh, Arlie R. Confederate States Paper Money. 8th ed. 112 pp., illus. Krause, Iola, WI, 1993.

S-69 Stack, Norman. United States Type Coins. 102 pp., illus. Stack's, New York, 1986.

T-14 Tomaska, Rick Jerry. Cameo & Brilliant Proof Coinage of the 1950 to 1970 Era. 193 pp., illus. R & I Publications, Encinitas, CA, 1991.

V-2b Van Allen, Leroy C. & George Mallis. Encyclopedia of Morgan & Peace Dollars. 507 pp., illus. DLRC Press, Virginia Beach, VA, 1991.

V-7 Van Ryzin, Robert R. Striking Impressions. A visual guide to collecting U.S. Coins. 208 pp., illus. Krause, Iola, WI, 1992.

V-9 Van Meter, David. Handbook of Roman Imperial Coins. 334 pp., illus. Laurion Numismatics, Nashua, NH, 1991.

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WE REMEMBER ELIZABETH WISSLEAD

BY Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald

It was announced that Elizabeth Wisslead died at age 81 on September 17, 1993. This brief statement brought to a close a life that was involved with numismatics and with those in the hobby for almost fifty years. Elizabeth Wisslead served C.S.N.A. as Secretary, as a member of the Annual Symposium Committee, Southern Section Editor of *Calcoin News*, and, with husband Bill Wisslead, co-bourse coordinator. She was past president of C.O.I.N., the San Bernardino County Coin Club and the Orange County Coin Club. In addition, she held other offices in the clubs of Southern California including the Numismatic Association of Southern California.

Elizabeth, usually with husband Bill, was recognized for her dedication and tireless work on behalf of Southern California numismatics. Her awards include the ANA Medal of Merit, special honors from the San Bernardino County Coin Club, the Society of International Numismatists Medal of Merit and the *Numismatic News* Numismatic Ambassador Medal, among others. The citation by the American Numismatic Association upon the presentation of the Medal of Merit in 1988 noted: "While the average collector measures participation in club activities by times per month, theirs (Bill and Elizabeth) is measured by times per day. The hobby is a way of life for this couple and they have dedicated themselves to the advocacy of its countless benefits."

She was a friend to all in the hobby, the young as well as the old. We have all been blessed by her presence. She has touched us in so many wonderful ways. You shall live on in our memory; you shall live on by your deeds; you shall live on by your love for your hobby and its members. Rest in Peace, Dear Elizabeth!

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The California State Numismatic Association is committed to providing leadership in California for our great hobby--the collecting of coins, currency, medals etc.--throughout the entire state. With this in mind, the C.S.N.A. offered to host the 1995 Anniversary Convention of the American Numismatic Association scheduled at the Anaheim Convention Center in the summer of 1995. With this in mind, we will write a column in each issue of the *Calcoin News* discussing this convention and our participation in this national event.

We are seeking your ideas regarding CSNA's hosting of this convention. We believe this show will present us with a unique opportunity for California numismatists to enjoy our hobby, to attend outstanding educational forums, meetings of national coin organizations, to participate in several major auctions, meet the authors and writers of the numisamtic press and share our hobby via national exhibits, trading and social gatherings. Furthermore, it will be a special time to inform the nation about CSNA; what it is we stand for and what we are all about.

We are seeking you ideas. Please write to me at P.O. Box 4144, Covina, CA 91724 or phone me (818)-335-3343. Some suggestions may be:

1. CSNA should sponsor a hospitality room during the Convention hosted by our members with information about our clubs, our Association, shows etc. Would you be willing to be assigned as a host?
2. Should we strike a special medal to commemorate this occasion?
3. CSNA should publish a "History of the CSNA" to be distributed at the banquet and in the hospitality room, etc.
4. What should CSNA distribute at the banquet as "table favors?" Do we want to give away some of our surplus bronze medals?
5. CSNA should make sure appropriate articles are published in the numismatic press prior to the convention describing our Association and its accomplishments.
6. What should be handed out at the 1994 ANA Convention in Detroit at a table on the floor provided by the ANA?
7. The CSNA should prepare a special exhibit of our medals to be included with the convention's exhibits.
8. Surplus copies of our award-winning Calcoin News should be in our hospitality room for those who wish to take one, along with information about joining our Association.
9. Members, particularly officers and directors should wear special identification badges during the convention so those attending will recognize CSNA members.
10. We should try to have speakers as part of the Numismatic Theater talk about California history such as the Old Mint Museum in San Francisco, the Discovery of Gold, California Commemorative Coins, etc.
11. Your ideas--please let me hear from you.

Do you have any questions? Do you want to become involved on any committee? Please let me hear from you.

Thomas F. Fitzgerald
General Chairman

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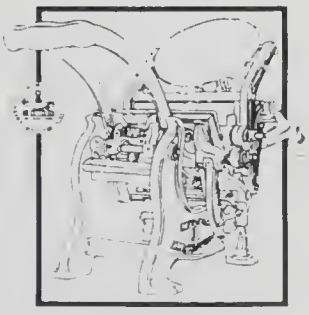

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March 19, 1994 ..... 26th Annual Educational Symposium
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September 30-October 1, 1994..... 94th Convention and Coin Show
Golden State Coin Show
Airport Marina Hotel, Los Angeles
General Chairman: Phil Iversen

OTHER SHOWS

(shows sponsored by CSNA member clubs are shown in **BOLD** type)

January 9, 1994..... Coin, Baseball Card & Collectible Show
San Bernardino County Coin Club, 689 S. E. St.
Info: William J. Grant, P.O. Box 295, Patton, CA 92369
(909)-864-7617

January 14-16, 1994 ..... 30th Annual Show
Tucson Coin Club
Convention Center, 260 S. Church, Tucson, AZ
Info: Tony Tumonis (602)-887-5484

January 15-16, 1994 ..... 13th Annual Coin & Stamp Show
Elks Lodge, Hawthorne, CA
Info: Martin Trouillon (310)-679-5697

January 21-23, 1994.....26th Annual Show
San Jose Coin Club
San Jose Old Convention Center, Park Ave. and Market St.
Info: Ken Barr, P.O. Box 32541, San Jose, CA 95152
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January 22-23, 1994 ..... 39th Annual Show
Springfield Coin Club
Masonic Lodge, 2777 Centennial Blvd., Eugene, OR
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January 23, 1994.....Southern AZ Coin & Stamp Show
Ramada Inn Airport, Tucson, AZ
Info: Bohdan Bobjak, (602)-742-2002

January 27-30, 1994 ..... 22nd AZ State Coin Show
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Info: George Weingart, (602)-482-8043

February 3-6, 1994 ..... Numismatic & Philatelic Expo.
Long Beach Convention Center, 300 E. Ocean Blvd.
Info: Samuel Lopresto, 112 E. Broadway, Long Beach, CA 90802
(213)-437-0819

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Ramada Inn Airport, Tucson, AZ
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February 26-27, 1994 ..... 24th Annual Coin Show
Cupertino Coin Club
De Anza College Campus Center
Stevens Creek Blvd. & Stelling Rd., Cupertino, CA
Info: Ray Johnson, P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015
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February 26, 1994 ..... Coin & Stamp Show
McMinnville Coin Club
Community Center, 600 N. Evans St., McMinnville, OR
Info: Gary Reschly, 420 E. 5th St., McMinnville, OR 97128, (503)-472-1838

March 4-6, 1994 ..... LVNS '94 Coin Show
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Union Plaza Hotel, 1 Union Plaza, Las Vegas, NV
Info: Phil Carlino, 4100 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas, NV 89121
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March 12-13, 1994 ..... Coin Show
Stanislaus County Coin Club
Holiday Inn, 1612 Sisk Rd., Modesto, CA
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March 20, 1994 ..... Southern AZ Coin & Stamp Show
Ramada Inn Airport, Tucson, AZ
Info: Bohdan Bobjak, (602)-742-2002

March 25-27, 1994 ..... Marin Coin & Stamp Expo.
Marin Center, San Rafael, CA
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April 16-17, 1994 ..... Semi-Annual Coin-A-Rama
Sacramento Valley Coin Club
La Sierra Community Center, Carmichael, CA
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ANCIENT COIN SEMINAR OFFERED

The Seattle Coin Club in conjunction with the American Numismatic Association will be offering a three day seminar on ancient coinage from March 25th through March 27th, 1994. Robert Hoge, ANA museum curator will be the instructor. Mr. Hoge has done graduate work in anthropology at the University of Chicago and is considered by his peers to be one of the foremost experts in ancient coinage.

The course will cover history, manufacture, grading, and counterfeit detection of ancient coinage. The seminar will be held just prior to the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association's regional convention, which will be held April 8-10, 1994 at the Seattle Center.

Tuition will be $250 for adults, with a $50 discount for those making a $50 downpayment before January 17. Space is limited to 25 registered students. Study materials and a bibliography of suggested reading will be provided. Lunch will be provided on Friday and Saturday.

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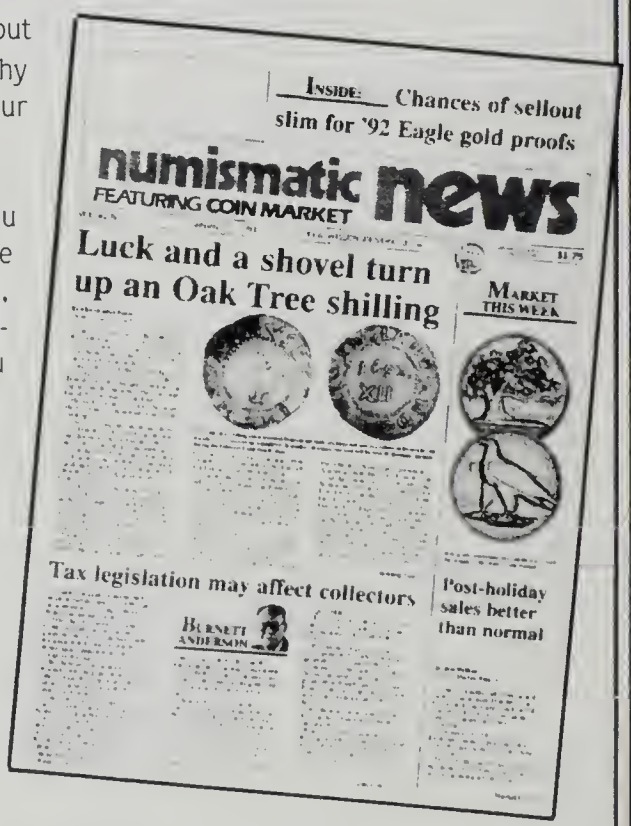
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